GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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SWARANREKHA IRRIGATION PROJECT
BIR SING MAHATO;RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any efforts to receive financial assistance from the World Bank or the A.R.B.P. for Swaranrekha Irrigation Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the success achieved so far in this regard; and

(d) the extent of work completed on the project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The first phase of the Swaran Rekha Irrigation Project (Bihar) was implemented with the World Bank assistanceof US$ 127 million during January, 1983 to April, 1989. The Swaran Rekha Irrigation Project Phase-II proposal (estimatedcost Rs. 473.15 crore) was posed to the World Bank on 23.6.1997. However, there has been no response from the World Bank. An amount of Rs. 102.24 crores has been released to Government of Orissa for Swaran RekhaMultipurpose project as Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP). The irrigation potential created under AIBP is 2.5 thousand hectare against the ultimate potential of 187.46 thousand hectare.